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SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN DIGGS' CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN
MINISTER MKAPA, MARCH 22

SUMMARY: RHODESIA WAS PRINCIPAL SUBJECT IN MEETING BETWEEN
CONGRESSMAN DIGGS AND FOREIGN MINISTER MKAPA. MKAPA WAS
PESSIMISTIC ABOUT RHODESIA AND CONSIDERED EXPANDING FIGHTING LIKELY.
MKAPA WAS ALSO PESSIMISTIC ABOUT IMPROVING KENYAN-TANZANIAN
RELATIONS IN NEAR TERM, EFFECT OF PROPOSED CONGRESSIONAL
RESOLUTIONS ON UGANDA, AND PEACEFUL INTENTIONS OF SOMALIA.
END SUMMARY.

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1. RHODESIA. HIRC AFRICAN AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
CHARLES DIGGS, ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR , OTHER MEMBERS
OF CODEL AND EMBASSY POLOFF, CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER
BENJAMIN MKAPA MARCH 22. CONGRESSMAN DIGGS DISCUSSED
CONGRESSIONAL REACTIONS TO THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT. ONLY BLACK
CAUCUS SO FAR HAD BEEN SUFFICIENTLY NEGATIVE. CAUCUS THOUGHT US
AND UK WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE IF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN (AAP) FAILED.

USG HAD NOT EXERTED ALL PRESSURES THAT COULD BE APPLIED, BOTH ON UK AND SOUTH AFRICA. CONGRESSMAN DIGGS SAID TALKS HE HAD HAD IN LONDON PREVIOUS DAY CONFIRMED BRITISH LACK OF WILL TO PROCEED.

2. MKAPA REITERATED TANGOV REJECTION OF INTERNAL SETTLEMENT. HE SAID THERE WERE TWO COURSES NOW OPEN: 1) EITHER AAP WOULD BE ACTIVATED (WHICH MEANT A SERIOUS PURSUIT OF DECOLONIZATION BY UK) OR 2) THERE WOULD BE ARMED STRUGGLE WHICH WOULD INVOLVE LARGE-SCALE KILLING. HE HOPED IT WOULD BE CLEAR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1979, THAT SMITH'S NEW STATE WOULD FAIL. HE WAS DOUBTFUL THAT CROSS-BOARDER FIGHTING COULD BE AVOIDED. MUZOREWA COULD NOJG HELP BUT HE IDENTIFIED IN AFRICA WITH THEKILLING WHAT WOULD ENSUE. MKAPA WONDERED IF THE REALITIES WOULD BE UNDERSTOOD IN THE US "OR DO THEY THINK WE ARE SURROGATES FOR THE COMMUNISTS?"

3. UGANDA. CONGRESSMAN DIGGS ASKED WHAT MKAPA THOUGHT MIGHT BE UGANDA'S REACTION TO CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTIONS ON UGANDA TRADE BOYCOTT AND ON DEPRIVATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN UGANDA, AS WELL AS US SALE OF JET AIRCRAFT TO KENYA. MKAPA REPLIED TANGOV HAD CONDEMNED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN UGANDA LONG AGO. "NO LOVE IS LOST BETWEEN THE UGANDAN REGIME AND OURSELVES." HE DOUBTED A BOYCOTT WOULD BRING DRAMATIC RESULTS AS THE ARABS WOULD STEP IN TO SUPPORT AMIN. HE WAS UNCERTAIN ABOUT UGANDA'S REACTION IF US "STARTED ARMING KENYA."

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4. KENYA. MKAPA GAVE TANGOV VIEW OF RECENT IMPASSE WITLAKENYANS AND WAS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE TWO COUNTRIES GETTING TOGETHER AGAIN "VERY SOON." HE SAID KENYA HAD AGREED TO RETURN THREE LAKE VICTORIA STEAMERS WITHOUT CONDITIONS. HOWEVER, TECHNICIANS WHO WENT TO COLLECT STEAMERS WERE FACED WITH LIST OF KENYAN CONDITIONS AND RETURNED EMPTY-HANDED. THAT BROUGHT AN ABRUPT HALT TO AGREED SERIES OF EVENTS THAT AJS TO INCLUDE 1) TRADE OF STEAMERS FOR KENYAN PROPERTY IN TANZANIA, 2) RESTORATION OF TRANSIT TRADE TO ZAMBIA, AND 3) RESTORATION OF KENYAN-TANZANIAN TRADE. RECOVERING THE STEAMERS, MKAPA SAID, WAS A VERY SERIOUS MATTER TO TANGOV BUT TANGOV WOULD NOT YIELD TO KENYA'S CONDITIONS. " THERE IS NO WORSE APPROACH TO DEALING WITH US THAN THREATS."

5. HORN. MKAPA INQUIRED ABOUT THE MOOD OF CONGRESS ON THE HORN. HE WAS UNWILLING TO AGREE WITH CONGRESSMAN DIGGS THAT SOMALIA WOULD BECOME ABSORBED WITH ITS OWN PROBLEM. HE SAID, "IF THEY HAVE DESIGNS ON THE OGADEN, THEY MUST HAVE DEISGNS ON DJIBOUTI AND KENYA."

6. COMMENT. CONVERSATION CENTERED ON RHODESIA,NKZST WE HAVE WEIGHTED THIS REPORT IN FAVOR OF MKAPA'S COMMENTS ON OTHER SUBJECTS AS HIS VIEWS ON RHODESIA WERE ESSENTIALLY AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. MKAPA WAS CLEARLY INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT MOOD OF

CONGRESS ON KEY AFRICAN ISSUES AND OBVIOUSLY ALERT TO ITS IMPACT
ON USG ACTIONS. END COMMENT.

7. ABOVE REPORT PREPARED AFTER CONGRESSMAN DIGGS DEPARTED DAR
ES SALAAM.

8. FOR MAPUTO. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REPEATING TO US ANY COMMENTS
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